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(Divisional of US Application 09/842,378)

For : SYSTEM FOR UTILIZING RAINWATER COLLECTED AT BUILDINGS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner of Patents
PO Box 1450
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby calls to the Examiner's attention the following documents that were cited in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/842,378, filed April 25, 2001, to which the above-captioned application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

The following documents were cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a) - (c) on June 17, 2003 in parent application No. 09/842,378, filed April 25, 2001, of which the above-captioned application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120:

- (1) JP 10-317435;
- (2) English language abstract of JP 10-317435;

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- (3) JP 3017741;
- (4) English language abstract of JP 3017741;
- (5) JP 04-007082;
- (6) English language abstract of JP 04-007082;
- (7) JP 2000-500395;
- (8) English language abstract of WO 97/19025;
- (9) JP 3049108; and
- (10) English language abstract of JP 3049108.

The following documents were cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a) - (c) on August 21, 2003 in parent application No. 09/842,378, filed April 25, 2001, of which the above-captioned application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120:

- (11) JP 09-088129;
- (12) English language abstract of JP 09-088129;
- (13) JP 10-317434; and
- (14) English language abstract of JP 10-317434.

In a non-final Office Action dated December 18, 2002 in parent application No. 09/842,378, filed April 25, 2001, of which the above-captioned application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120, the Examiner cited the following documents:

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(15) US 6,299,775;

(16) US 5,096,596;

(17) US 4,549,969;

(18) US 6,387,265;

(19) US 4,612,124;

(20) US 5,451,314;

(21) US 4,317,733; and

(22) US 4,683,065..

Copies of the above-listed documents (1) - (22) were submitted in parent application No. 09/842,378 filed April 25, 2001, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), and MPEP 609, copies of these documents (1) - (22) are not being submitted herewith. However, each of these documents is listed on the enclosed PTO-1449.

Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the first official communication.

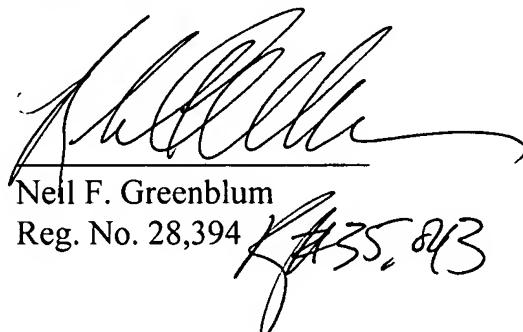
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Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement. However, if an Office Action has issued and is crossing in the mail with this statement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0089 any fee necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted materials.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed number.

Respectfully submitted,
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